

PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also enclosed,

together with a copy of February 24, 1999, PCT Search Report citing them.

For the concise statement of relevance of the listed documents, which are non-English, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English Abstracts attached thereto.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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